

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1950

To the Chairman & Members of the Whaley Bridge
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration
my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the
district during the year ended 31st December, 1950.

Statistics & Social Conditions in the Area

Total Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487.
Estimated Population (mid 1950)	-	5,304.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1950	-	1,821.
Sum represented by a penny rate.	-	£130.
Rateable Value	-	£33,358.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1950

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births, Legitimate.	41.	33.	74.
Illegitimate.	2.	-	2.
Still Births.	1.	1.	2.
Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	-	-	14.3
" " " " " " (In England & Wales)	-	-	15.8
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (total live & still) births	-	-	25.6
Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	-	-	12.8
" " " " " " (In England & Wales)	-	-	11.6
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	-	-	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	2.	1.	
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.	1.	1.	
Death Rate - All infants per 1000 live births.	-	-	39.4
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births.	-	-	40.5
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	-	-	Nil.
	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	7.	5.	12.
" " Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1.	0.	1.

The chief occupations of the district are cotton
weaving, cotton bleaching and calico printing. These
occupations have no pernicious effect on the health of the
employees and the district as a whole has maintained a good
standard of health.

Causes of death are classified as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis.	1.	1.	2.
Diphtheria.	0.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	0.	0.	0.
Measles.	0.	0.	0.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	2.	0.	2.
Malignant " Lungs.	2.	1.	3.
Malignant " Breast.	0.	2.	2.
Malignant " Uterus.	0.	1.	1.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	3.	1.	4.
Vascular Lesions.	4.	1.	5.
Coronary disease, angina.	2.	1.	3.
Other Heart Disease.	9.	13.	22.
Other Circulatory Disease.	1.	1.	2.

	M.	F.	Total.
Influenza.	24.	22.	46.
Pneumonia.	0.	1.	1.
Bronchitis.	0.	1.	1.
Ulcer of Stomach.	3.	3.	6.
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea.	0.	0.	0.
Nephritis & nephrosis.	1.	0.	1.
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	0.	0.	0.
Congenital malformations.	0.	0.	0.
Other defined & ill defined diseases.	1.	0.	1.
Motor Vehicle accidents.	5.	5.	10.
Other Accidents.	0.	0.	0.
Suicide.	0.	0.	0.
Homicide & war operations.	1.	1.	2.
	0.	0.	0.
TOTAL.	35.	33.	68.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were systemically carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary,

Water Supply:

The water supply of the district is chiefly composed of upland waters collected and distributed from service reservoirs in different parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stone Heads, Nook, Leehead and Taxal. All these service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The number of premises supplied with Council's water was 1633 while 154 premises in the northern part of the district were supplied from the Stockport Corporation main which runs through the district. Thirty four houses only have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of farms.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

A constant supply of water was maintained throughout the year without restrictions being imposed but this was due to the abnormally heavy rainfall during the summer months.


No extensions to water mains were carried out during the year although connections to the existing mains were made to service new houses.

Sewerage:

The sewage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board.

No complaints have been received concerning the discharged effluent into the River Goyt. The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing and rodding being carried out when necessary.

A 10% test bait of manholes was carried out each half-year to ascertain the degree of infestation of sewers by rats. Only very minor "takes" were found in isolated areas. The manholes affected were "poison baited" and no further sewer infestations have been noted.



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Refuse Collection & Disposal:

The refuse collection service was undertaken throughout the year by direct labour. This service was again not maintained as regular as one would desire due to the fact that continued difficulty was experienced in obtaining sufficient and suitable labour to carry out this most essential duty. During the year the Bridgemont refuse tip was closed and cleaning up and levelling carried out. Improvements were also undertaken to straighten up Fernilee Tip.

Factories Act.

Periodical inspections of premises coming within the jurisdiction of this Act have shown sanitary conditions to be satisfactorily maintained.

Infectious and other Diseases.

The district was very free from infectious diseases throughout the year. No cases of malaria or dysentery were notified and your district was free from any influenza epidemic during the year. It is pleasing to note that no cases of diphtheria were notified during the period under review.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)												
Notifiable Diseases.	Total	0	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Hosp. Deaths
	all ages.	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Over	
Smallpox.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	7.	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Diphtheria.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Dis. generally notifiable:-												
Erysipelas.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dysentery.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	3.	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Myelitis.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Dis. notifiable locally.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	11.	-	1	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	5

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1950

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
15 - 25.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1

In conclusion, I would like to tender my thanks to the officials of the Council for the assistance so ably and willingly rendered in connection with my Public Health duties throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRED GARNET ALLAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

28th July, 1951.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER
1950

To the Chairman & Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended 31st December, 1950.

Housing:

Number of houses in district at 31st Dec. 1949	-	1,783.
New houses erected during year by:-		
(a) Local Authority	-	35.
(b) Private Enterprise	-	3.
Total number of houses in district at 31st Dec. 1950	-	<u>1,821.</u>

Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	-	101.
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Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation.	-	45.
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Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-	Nil.
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Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of action by local authority (formal or informal)	-	42.
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Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made,	-	Nil.
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Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	-	Nil.
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Number of dwellings in respect of which undertakings were accepted.	-	Nil.
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Number of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	-	Nil.
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Closet Accommodation in the Area

Houses with pail closet accommodation.	69.
Houses with privy accommodation.	33.
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation.	1719.

The houses with privy midden accommodation are thus situated:-

Fernilee Village.	- 11 (no sewer available)
Outlying Farms.	- 22 (-do-)

Sanitary Inspections

Number of inspections made under Public Health & Housing Acts.	- 934.
Defects or Nuisances:-	
Number discovered.	- 432.
Number abated with or without Notice.	- 425.
Number of Notices served:-	
Informal Notices.	- 215.
Statutory Notices.	- 3.
Legal Proceedings.	- Nil.

Details of Inspections:-

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Nuisances abated.</u>
Defective Closet Accommodation.	91.	45.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits.	74.	71.
Drainage Defects.	103.	81.
Housing Repairs.	121.	55.
Offensive Accumulations.	13.	3.
Urinals.	53.	2.
Flooding of Cellars.	9.	2.
Foul condition of Houses.	7.	3.
Animals improperly kept.	18.	4.
Water Supply.	156.	70.
Dairies, etc.	16.	-
Bakehouses.	14.	1.
Factories & Workshops.	48.	4.
Shops.	52.	1.
Ice Cream Premises.	31.	-
Other Inspections.	128.	83.

Houses disinfected

After Scarlet Fever.	- 7.
After other diseases.	- 11.

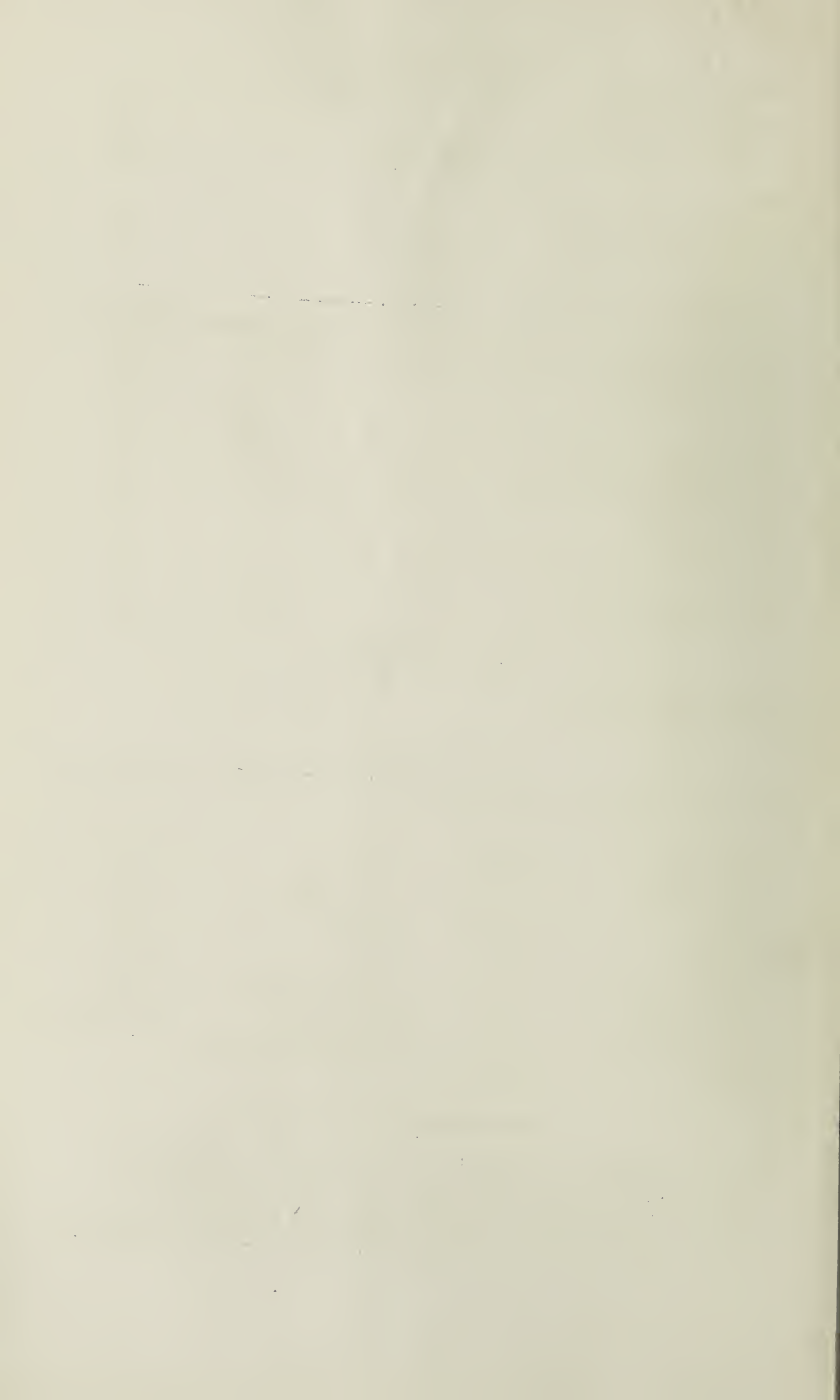
Food Inspection

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Condensed Milk.	21 tins.	Salmon.	10 tins.
Evap. Milk.	14 tins.	Pears.	1 tin.
Garden Peas.	15 tins.	Tomatoes.	2 tins.
Baked Beans.	20 tins.	Meat & Gravy.	4 tins.
Plums.	19 tins.	Peaches.	1 tin.
Broth.	9 tins.	Tongue.	1 tin.
Sardines.	3 tins.	Jam.	3½ lbs.
Apples.	3 tins.	Grapes.	1 tin.
Luncheon Meat.	4 tins.	Braised Kidneys.	11 tins.
Jellied Pork.	1 tin.	Corned Beef.	6 tins.
Beef & Pork.	1 tin.	Boiled Ham.	9 lbs. 15½ oz.
Black Puddings.	24 lbs.	6 Imported Turkeys.	
Brawn.	24 lbs.	360 Eggs.	
Pressed Beef.	66 lbs.		

Refuse Collection & Disposal.

Bridgemont Tip was closed to tipping after levelling off work had been undertaken and now tipping is confined to the Council's Refuse Tip at Fernilee. The collection of salvage was irregular due to the difficulty of maintaining a sufficient and suitable staff. During the year 11 tons 5¾ cwts. of Mixed Waste Paper was collected and sold for £63. 16. Od.



Water Supplies.

Details of Reservoir Storage Capacities:-

Nook Reservoir	-	75,000	gallons.
Leehead Reservoir	-	1,250,000	"
Taxal Reservoir	-	20,000	"
Diglee Reservoir	-	247,000	"
Foxhome Reservoir	-	100,000	"
Stone Heads Reservoir	-	200,000	"
Total Storage	-	<u>1,892,000</u>	"

Estimates of water consumption leave no doubt that the average consumption per head per day is increasing irrespective of the needs for new building development. Farms and factories are becoming more extensive users of water and the decision to meter as many of these premises as practicable will mean that greater control over such users can be exercised.

From the fact that the total water storage capacity is only 1,892,000 gallons and the daily consumption is now in the region of 144,000 gallons, it will be ascertained that approximately only 13 days supply can be stored in all reservoirs.

I am,
Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLANE,

Sanitary Inspector.

28th July, 1951.

